

PROJECT FACT SHEET OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Wheeling Creek Dredging, Wheeling, WV

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Wheeling, West Virginia is located along the left bank of the Ohio River at river mile 90 downstream from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. City of Wheeling officials, working with the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation, are currently redeveloping a portion of the city around the Ohio River Waterfront and Wheeling Creek. The dredging work involves dredging a five-foot deep channel 1.48 miles up Wheeling Creek from the mouth of the Ohio River to provide access to Tunnel Green Park. The dredged material will be used to assist the City of Wheeling in redevelopment of a city-owned site. This dredging project was conceptualized in the Wheeling Waterfront Development Special Project Report, completed by the Pittsburgh District in August 2000.

TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$2,500,000
Total Federal Cost:	\$2,500,000
Total Non-Federal Cost:	\$ 0

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: This effort is funded at 100% federal cost from Ohio River Operations & Maintenance funds. Therefore, no sponsor is required. The City of Wheeling is a stakeholder in the project.

CURRENT STATUS: Activities required: completed Letter Report, Environmental Assessment, Real Estate Plan, develop plans and specifications, and initiate real estate acquisition for the directed dredging work. Public review of the draft Environmental Assessment was completed July 16, 2003. The Final Environmental Assessment and letter report was approved in February 2004. Plans and specifications are 65% complete. Real estate acquisition has been initiated with a public meeting held on March 3, 2004

AUTHORIZATION: 2001 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act HR 4635, Conference Report 106-988. Description of added work, "Provided further, that \$500,000 of the funds appropriated herein for the Ohio River Open Channel, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, project, are provided for the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to dredge a channel from the mouth of Wheeling Creek to Tunnel Green Park in Wheeling, West Virginia." Similar language was added into the 2002 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act HR 2311, Conference Report 107-258 with an additional appropriated amount of \$2 Million.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Byrd (WV)

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